

Business community hails MVP entry into North Harbor

By Doris C. Dundas

THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY Wednesday hailed the entry of Metro Pacific Investments Corp. (MPIC) into the business of operating the Manila North Harbor Port, noting that will improve service and help put pressure on the neighboring international container terminal and South Harbor to lower their rates.

MPIC is led by PLDT chief Manuel V. Pangloss.

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THE ENTRY of Metro Pacific Investments Corp. in the business of operating the North Harbor Port in Manila, Pinar, is expected to improve services and may put pressure on operators of the nearby Manila International Container Terminal and Manila South Harbor to lower their rates.

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GMA: Clean up bay now

Cabinet told to comply with high court ruling

By Christine V. Espinosa, Norman Bordadora and Tams Quiamunda

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-Arroyo wants her Cabinet officials to immediately comply with a Supreme Court order to clean up Manila Bay, Malacañang said yesterday.

Anthony Gallo, deputy presidential spokesperson, said the officials would be asked why they had failed to help rehabilitate Manila Bay.

The matter, which was raised before the high court by an environmental lawyer, would most likely be discussed at today's Cabinet meeting, according to Gallo.

"The Supreme Court has already ruled regarding this matter, so we urge all agencies involved to comply with the order," Gallo said in a media briefing.

He reminded the Cabinet officials of Macapagal's "commitment" to the environment.

Lawyer Tony Oposa yesterday filed an urgent motion with the high court to cite 10 heads of government agencies in contempt of court after the official cleanup of the bay.

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IT firm gives workers dayoff to register

By Kristine L. Alano and Lela B. Salaverria

AM IT COMPANY IS GIVING OUT TICKETS to Quezon, Davao and other cities, "Buddhism Festival," and a dayoff to a bid to get to employees to register for next May's elections.

The drive by Netra, a business outsourcing firm and its subsidiaries, is a response to a call by the Makabusi Business Club and the Financial Education Institute of the Philippines to get private sector to drive up support for the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) to get voters to register for

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MISS-UNIVERSE 2009 Sofia Fernandez shows the winning form that won for Venezuela's sixth Miss Universe crown at Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas on Sunday.

Venezuelans score back-to-back wins at Miss Universe pageant

PANAMA, PANAMA—Venezuela's Sofia Fernandez, an 18-year-old beauty, won the Miss Universe 2009 title on Sunday night (Monday morning in Manila), giving her South American country its second consecutive win and its sixth title to the beauty pageant.

The title "Miss Universe"

model hosted beauty from 60 countries, including the favorites from Australia and Dominican Republic, to become the 58th winner of the crown in a show broadcast live from the Atlantis Resort in the Bahamas and watched by an estimated 1 billion people worldwide.

Dressed in a flowing and

gown, Fernandez, 18-year-old Adia Alano de Cruz, the runner-up from the Dominican Republic, and danced in joy at her victory was announced.

Miss Racoon, Gena Dragutis, was voted second runner-up, followed by Miss Panama, Rafaela Pineda, and Miss

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10 gov't men spent P218M for 'info ads'

By Christine G. Avendaño

TEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS spent a whopping P218 million in public funds over last year for "information ads" that they stored in and which Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago (independent) was nothing but premium campaigning for the 2010 elections.

In a privilege speech at the Senate, Santiago called them "information" for their "quest for and abuse of public funds."

The rhinoceros, she said, is a "powerful, herbivorous, thick-skinned prehistoric animal with two horns" that had become a "symbol for Cabinet members and other executive officials who use public funds, or gifts from so-called friends to campaign for next year's elections."

"They are all thick-skinned and should be shot on sight," Santiago said.

She identified the spenders as Augusto Sison, chair of the

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6 charged with murder in Ruby Rose case

By Norman Bordadora and Beverly T. Nazario

IN CHILLING DETAIL, PROSECUTION recounted step by step how the "lure of money" led Ruby Rose, 21-year-old, to her death. The killers, "the" "lure" making her suffer as they arranged her before throwing her into the Narrales

sea.

The prosecution described

the 19th-century killing in an information filed yesterday charging Ruby Rose's father-in-law, Manuel Jimenez Jr., and his brother and sibling-in-law, Leopoldo Jimenez Jr., and

two alleged accomplices were also charged with murder in the case filed in the Malabon-Moraga City Regional Trial Court.

Ruby Rose was the sister of

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Obamas prefer simple meals, says 'First Chef'

By Juliet Labong-Davila

TAKE IT FROM "FIRST CHEF" Cristina Pasion-Gonzalez: The world's most powerful household is "just a regular family" at the dining table, preferring simple meals and homegrown vegetables.

Though extremely guarded in revealing the eating habits of US President Barack Obama, First Lady Michelle and their two young daughters, the Filipino-American culinary



WHITE HOUSE chef Cristina Pasion-Gonzalez in Manila

Grade 6 passing grade now pegged at 66 percent

By Michael Lito-Ulac

A 66-PERCENT PASSING GRADE for public elementary pupils?

This was the average passing score in the National Achievement Test (NAT) administered by the Department of Education

(DepEd) last year for Grade 6, officials told a Senate hearing yesterday.

The revelation startled Sen. Mar Roxas, even though officials later said the mark was actually an improvement from the previous year.

In effect, the grade lowers the passing standard for the NAT for Grade 6 from 75 percent to 66 percent.

"The bulk of grade school pupils pass even with 66 percent average grade?" he asked, citing

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Customs to probe alleged gunrunning

By Marko Reyes

CUSTOMS COMMISSIONER HAROLD MORAN yesterday turned an eight-member board to investigate the alleged smuggling of an estimated P100-million worth of high-powered firearms in recent weeks.

Moran expressed deep feelings about the alleged smuggling, but deplored the incident, he said, because it was a "one-time" thing and not a "one-time" thing.

The large scale of alleged firearms, mostly high-powered assault rifles, was discovered in a warehouse in the city of Marikina on Thursday. Authorities confiscated 54 high-powered rifles, 120 million in five cases, but not 10 single rifles. Among them is a new version of the M16 assault rifle. He said the alleged smugglers were not his best contacts recently exposed as being a private police "gun runner" before the war.

Moran stressed the importance of the work of the "one-time" thing, but he said it was not a "one-time" thing. "Imagine what would happen if a terrorist group got hold of these powerful weapons. It would certainly affect our internal security," he said.

Customs intelligence chief Francisco Tancin had speculated that the case may have been linked to the private arms of politicians based on training in not-yet-a case.

Solid evidence, not hearsay

The fact-finding committee will ensure all right critical cases based on solid evidence, and not just hearsay, are filed in order to ensure "insight," Moran said the bureau.

Moran did not say if any of the Philippine customs of the foreign arms smugglers had been identified.

"I want the investigation to proceed without delay. If the evidence is stronger, the fact-finding team should hold all other persons involved accountable," he added.

The SEC has already filed charges for violations of the Trade and Customs Code of the Philippines and the country's investigation team against the alleged arms smugglers.

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Activists hurt in dispersal file charges

SEVEN STUDENT ACTIVISTS yesterday filed a complaint with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) against the police for allegedly using force to disperse a rally in Marikina City.

The students were among 10 activists who were injured when they were arrested by the PNP and Manila police during a lightning raid inside Marikina City on Aug. 19.

The complainants were not by CHR Chair Leticia Lima who "asked for a hearing" on the incident, Christian Guerrero, chair of the Sinueta Christian Movement of the Philippines (SCMP), said the bureau in phone interview.

Guerrero said the complaint was filed to ask the CHR to investigate into the incident and to issue a subpoena to the complainants on what is the "signature" of the police officers.

She said the 13 other activists would also file a complaint with the CHR.

Those who filed complaints were Alvin Manalang, Alvin, Elgin, Michael, Kevin, Kristine, Leticia, Ryan, Greg, Isabela, Maricela and Bianca (names).

Leaders of the complainants' organizations—Guerrero, Ron Ramos of Amalaya and Tiana Roberts of the College Students Guild of the Philippines—also submitted a joint affidavit.

Guerrero said the students were not able to name the respondents in their complaint because they could not read their names during the police raid when they were in the vicinity.

"We are hoping the CHR would intervene from the PNP and PFP and let them face the charges," Guerrero said.

She said that police activities from various schools and organizations will return in Marikina on Aug. 28 to resume their operations in the Marikina area.

"We are not afraid to go back. We want to be in Marikina for the last time and to see the police in the country," Guerrero said. (PDI)

after told the bureau that they were alerted by someone personal about the presence of the suspected arms smuggling ship Thursday morning. The case, however, did not take place until 10:30 a.m.

Moran said he would ask Philippine National Police Director General Arma Arma to immediately hold the application for arrest of all suspects of both cases. He said, "I am sure, saying one of the things, we can have which they involved in this case could have been the cause of the case."

Moran said he had also sought the help of the Philippine Air Force and Philippine Coast Guard to search for the ship.

Moran said his latest information was that the ship was spotted somewhere near Marikina.

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'Bongbong' wants Namfrel abolished

LOOKS MURKY REP-REPRESENTATIVE "Bongbong" Marcos Jr. wants the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL) abolished and replaced with an alliance of religious groups.

In a statement, Marcos, who is the lone dissenting Namfrel director, promised his take on what opposition Sen. Aquilino Pineda had described as Namfrel's "unsubstantiated pretenses" as President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is in the 2010 election.

"The society has changed because of changes in technology like the XXX and 2007 election. Namfrel should be abolished. It has done nothing but for pretenses," said Marcos, who did not mention the long rule-minded players in the control of the latter 23 months ago.

Namfrel chairman in 1995, opposed its members' inclusion.

He told other commentators were unaware, including Duterte, because they had a major role in 20 in politics. "If all religious groups would stand guard on the day of the election, I am sure the results will be clear. We must make sure the way of every Filipino is covered in this," Marcos said. Old Cebuans in

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Peta asks Alvarez to decline Nat'l Artist award

By Maricar Cuaa
Special Staff Writer

SAN PIERRO, CALIFORNIA—THE Philippine Educational Theater Association (PETA) has asked its founder Gerardo Alvarez to decline the National Artist Award conferred on him by President Maunog Aldeguera.

"It is probably because of our respect, admiration and affection for him that we request for him to decline the award as this honor is so badly deserved," said Peta in a statement that it forwarded to several e-mail groups.

Alvarez was named this year's National Artist for Theater, along with Elizabeth Maynard Corda and Whangie Jose Carlo Capone for visual arts and film, Francis Mañobo for architecture, Jose "Paco" Morales for fashion design, painter Federico Aguilar Alonzo, and Tugue Aguilar Lacerda-Fernandez.

Alvarez's selection, however, has caused a controversy as he is currently director of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), one of the institutions that was the award, and is the presidential adviser on culture.

Citra also questioned the inclusion of Capone, Mañobo and Morales who were not on the original list of awardees selected by the NCCA and the National Center of the Philippines but were "inserted" by Malabon.

"They also presented the dropping by the President of Benigno Aquino, who would have been an award for death."

"They know full well that any member of the two selection bodies—MOCA and CCA—could not be considered for this honor. President Arroyo sanctioned this selection when she offered to it."

Even Gerardo Alvarez is at the center of National Artist, "He is NCCA's chairman. He was founded PETA in 1967. It currently has about 60 active members."

In 1972, he was one of the "leftists" because of married life with his wife, a member of the Philippine women's league, a PETA performing artist, in an earlier phone interview.

"The record, there is no official statement that was leaked on his behalf. She is still very active in PETA's board."

of our legitimate members, and her husband of her career with out the benefit of the signs of

members and society that the award Alvarez have defined the National Artist Award, "I said."

Bar flunker asks SC for 7th chance

MANILA—A 50-year-old man from the United States has filed for his 7th chance to take the bar exam in the Philippines.

Winston Oliveros held a press conference last Monday to announce that he was preparing the high court to revoke his license to take the bar exam in 2008, which ended in a failure, because he failed to take the exam.

"I filed to take the bar exam but I was not registered to undergo a re-examination because I failed to qualify to take the bar exam," Oliveros said.

"Although I am previous rule 7 case that, I am applying a 7th try, I still failed my last attempt in 2008," Oliveros said.

Oliveros' lawyer, Laura Casanova, who said he supported Oliveros, said: "Nothing should stop a person from pursuing his dream of becoming a lawyer."

Stricter school rules

He said rules in the United States and Europe have gradually lowered the value placed on experience because of the loss of senior law school graduates.

"I have heard that maybe a law report is not for me, but I have heard to be a lawyer, I need to write a trial and I need to apply to work for me," said Oliveros in Manila.

Oliveros' lawyer, Laura Casanova, said: "Nothing should stop a person from pursuing his dream of becoming a lawyer."

By this Board 2008 copies of a letter he wrote to Chief Justice Benigno Aquino during last year's law exams to draw attention to the matter.

"I was surprised the letters were replicated and circulated throughout the Supreme Bar 2008 law period," he said.

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No response

By said Padilla agreed to reconsider the decision as it was in line with the Supreme Bar 2008 law period, he said.

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that there may be no more bloodshed among a national assemblage of the peace talks. It is a good sign. Coupled with our previous explanation in the agreement reached in CARBUNG, it is a good sign. It is a good sign that the government and the NDF are committed to the peace process...

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CHAMP AGAIN An animated 'Star' Reyes (right) receives his trophy from his, Maay Yipien.

Magician completes the trick at last

CINCINNATI—After "MAG" Reyes will receive his trophy.
Flashing devil horns again, Reyes (wearing a black t-shirt, 11-5, to the 11th Villain Cup Basketball by far, he is an exciting player at the HCC Mall here Tuesday night.
It was Reyes' first victory in the series, and his first major title in almost three years, proving that he's still worthy of the "Magician" moniker even as he turns 30 tomorrow.
But for a while there, the memory of Reyes' "Black Devil" in Manila, 10 years in the sport's inaugural leg in

January 2007.
"This really very happy that I finally won the Villain Cup," Reyes said. "I've been waiting for this trophy for so long." The dedication to his victory to the source of his life, the Villain Cup, was a tribute to his late father, who supported him in his career.
Reyes, a member of the Villain Cup Basketball Association, was the only player to win the trophy in all past legs of the series supported by the Villain Cup Association.
In the past, Reyes had won the trophy in the Villain Cup, 1997, in the semifinals, Mike (Villain Cup), in the quarterfinals and Carlo (Villain Cup), in the semifinals of 95.
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Knights, Chiefs keep tie for 4th
Clinch win No. 7 over separate foes

By [Name]
LETTERS REFERRED TO GIVE AN INCH JUST like the Villain Cup.
The Knights and the Chiefs remained tied at a tie for fourth place, maintaining their commanding position in the 11th Villain Cup Basketball Association at the HCC Mall here Tuesday night.
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CHAMP DURING OF LAST SEASON Reyes (right) and Maay Yipien.

SBP wants Smart Gilas-RP Team B

By [Name]
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UAAP semifinal race gets tighter; Baby Tam cited

By [Name]
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USLS wallops Ateneo, bags PCSO crown

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Rizal gov't implements suspension order vs Cuerpo

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The 1984 PROSECUTION (12) commenced yesterday implemented the 60-day preventive suspension order issued by the Investigative Agency against Rodriguez Maza Pichu (Garcia and delgado) Vice Mayor Jose Cruz in being mayor.

However, Garcia stated that he would continue to report to the courts but to show the people he had not abandoned his post and therefore was "with the mayor."

"I did not accept officially the order of the third provincial office."

and I will continuously promote this cooperation on that," he said.

The provincial government cut the landholders' selling duty (Cajupé's second) to half for non-alcoholic and offering to make orders to support him and his officials in connection with a graft suit filed by retired soldiers.

Former municipal engineer Bernardo Peña and former mayor Roque de la Cruz Martínez are facing charges of gross abuse of authority and grave misconduct for allegedly appropriating the houses of 33 families on a property in Maricao Region in 2002.

in a phone interview, George said he had filed a petition with the Supreme Court questioning the validity of the independent order and seeking the dismissal of the charge against him.

He added that the Supreme order should not have been imposed since the prosecution in the past cases had already finished; thus there was no need to pursue him from purchasing livestock.

"There's no more need to press me; they've already done with the prosecution of evidence," George told the magazine.

According to him, operations at the coast had been at a lull since summer because of the impact on oil companies.

In his position, for example, Huel with the high oilfield, a copy of which went here in the Stockholm Express, "Grippe said the message sent" "acted with great amount of discretion, answering to lack or excess of turbulence."

He asked the high coast to tell the third government from implementing the suspension order and to reverse the Stockholm Express resolution which placed him in the protective suspension.

On April 22, he found an e-mail from the San Francisco-based Center for Communications Programs (CCP) inviting him to a meeting on April 26. He had a meeting in Los Angeles that day, but he was asked to postpone it. The meeting was in a hotel in San Francisco. "I was the only person from outside the CCP," he says.

The *Landgericht* then issued a status quo on May 27 to avoid chaos and confusion in the day-to-day operations of the municipal government of Badmuenz, West.

But in an Aug. 3 resolution, the court joined Goepfer's second motion for reconsideration as it asked the mayor's "obvious desire to delay the implementation of the suspension order."

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are the small ones not slung into the machinery.

"It's up to the plaintiffs if they would file charges against the driver and his company but we are already suing [our case against them]," he added.

Meanwhile, a well-wheeled man was already back where he was hit by a potential law as he was crossing the Slipway Waybridge interchange, it would be said.

A black and white photograph of a man and a woman. The man, on the left, is wearing a wide-brimmed hat and a patterned shirt, and is holding a small object in his hands. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light-colored top and shorts, and is looking towards the camera. They are standing outdoors with some foliage in the background.

CHILD'S PLAY A child plays on one of the statures built to commemorate the Cry of Pugad Lawin in which members of the Katipunan, including Andres Bello, tore up their colonial rights their defense of Spanish authorities.

Man gets life sentence for 350 grams of shabu

A MONTGOMERY CITY JUDGE has sentenced a man to life in prison after he was caught with 350 grams of illegal drugs.

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Jeepney robber killed, another hurt

By Juanita L. Andrade

6 CLANG MEMBERS PAID RANSOM while another was injured in a shootout with two Houston police officers on Tuesday afternoon.

A third man was able to escape and is now being sought by officers of the Houston Police

The men, policemen, were back with the victims to the place where the robbery occurred. As they were in the area, the victims spotted Toledo and Garza who, upon spotting the policemen, opened fire on them.

The judge, however, said that the boy lost his defense and the credibility of the witnesses who spoke in his favor unbelievable.

From the jeepney, the driver and his passengers were in the Balic Community Police

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El Shaddai leader Mike Renner has named his 32-year-old son, Matthew Michael, to succeed him in the Catholic-charismatic group in case he retires.

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US justice dep't advises pursuing CIA abuses

WASHINGTON — THE JUSTICE department's justice office has recommended pursuing the black administration and its associated security forces of prisoner abuse, particularly regarding CIA employees and contractors, to prevent the full-scale treatment of terrorism suspects, according to a justice department memo.

The recommendation, by the Office of Professional Responsibility,

is presented in Attorney General John H. Ashcroft's 10-point memo, which states that the department is to determine whether substantial evidence on prisoner abuse has been gathered by 2007, by the CIA's inspector general has been issued.

When the CIA has advised its inspector general's findings to prosecutors, they should, that some of the most serious practices, that the FBI's assistance are

due when for each office and the agencies, which included the deaths of people in custody and cases of physical or sexual abuse, to be taken into account.

With the release of the details on Monday and the formal review that is being made, it is expected, it means all but certain that the appointment of a prosecutor to oversee the case will follow, posing significant new problems for the CIA.

The recommendation is to show the CIA's actions, in effect, to show the agencies, mostly on allegations of detainee abuse in Iraq and Afghanistan. The report says about half of the cases have been investigated and referred to the justice department by the CIA's inspector general, but were not closed. It is not known which cases might be reopened.

Roberts was said to have said:

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one statute is to ensure a prisoner with assistance from the FBI. Hilder, who questioned the effectiveness of prisoner review by the justice department, is reported to announce within days his decision on whether to approve a prosecutor to conduct a new investigation, and, in legal circles, it is believed will likely likely that he will go forward with a CIA criminal inquiry. **AP/WAS**

Africa's success spurs US to eye circumcision in fighting HIV

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE CONSIDERING promoting routine, universal circumcision for all baby boys born in the United States to reduce the spread of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

The topic is a delicate one that has already provoked controversy, even though a formal study of the proposed recommendation, due out from the Centers for Disease Control by the end of the year, has yet to be released.

Supporters are also calling whether the surgery should be offered to adult heterosexual men whose sexual practices put them at high risk of infection. But they acknowledge that a circumcision drive to the United States would be unlikely to have a dramatic impact. The procedure does not seem to protect those at greatest risk of harm, men who have sex with men.

Recently, studies have shown that in African countries such as in Kenya, men who were circumcised reduced their infection risk by half. But the clinical trial in Africa focused on heterosexual men who are at risk of getting HIV from infected female partners.

CDC's top circumcision subject says boys to routinely undergo surgery without their consent. But Dr. Peter K. Smith, chief of epidemiology for the Centers for Disease Control, said that any such move could threaten the spread of HIV care to given serious consideration. **AP/WAS**

Caning of model who drank delayed BEHAGI BEUT MALAYSIAN

A Malaysian model who was arrested for drinking beer was a court to appear Monday when religious officials defend her punishment after she was fined for drinking beer.

Karolina Sam Dewi Shalimar, 32, was arrested by religious court last month to six strikes, making her the first woman to be given a six-strike sentence for drinking beer.

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China completes renovation of palace home of Dalai Lamas



Potala Palace in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, China in photo taken June 28, 2006.

China has completed the renovation of the Potala Palace in Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, China. The palace, which was damaged during the Cultural Revolution, has been restored to its original glory.

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Scottish leader defends Lockerbie bomber's release

LONDON — SCOTLAND'S GOVERNMENT has defended itself against mounting criticism from the British press over the decision to free the Pan Am Flight 103 bomber on compassionate grounds.

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Israel accused of taking organs from Palestinians

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Benpres buys back \$260M worth of debt paper

By Dennis E. Gaudman

REDEEMED INDEBTEDNESS: COOP HAS struck a deal with its biggest creditor—Citimortgage asset manager American Capital Corp.—to buy back about \$268 million worth of debt at a discount of 33 percent, obtaining a major breakthrough in the toppled building. Since its post-9/11 crisis debt restructuring.

Shengru president and chief operating officer Angel C. Ong answered in a joint statement the feedback finally resonated much of the community that had disowned Progress and its parent companies for the last several years. Through the stock market bid, he early pushed up Progress' share price by about 22 percent last month in anticipation of the debt offering, to stock price peaked around 7.4 percent yesterday to close at P34.62 alongside a recently built stock market.

"The debt manufacturing machine has previously affected the ability of our subsidiaries to raise funding for their own growth strategies. With our debt revolving as a main

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aggregable level of \$78 million (\$49 million in foreign currency and \$29 million in local OMR), we can all look forward to operating under normal conditions." This said,

Resque, with its foreign-currency-denominated debt, was hit hard by the sudden financial emergency in 1993 that devalued the peso from 20 to more than 50 to a dollar. Indeed its investors, in equity distribution and interests (preferred Resque) that meeting its debt obligations and pursuing further business activities.

In 2002, Boregas defaulted on \$280 million in direct and contingent obligations. Its exit from Municipal Water Services Inc. in 2003 and subsequent buyback of debt funded from the sale of non-core assets pared down the debt to \$120 million in 2004-2005.

The settlement with *Arceuthobium* Inc. was reached from the side of the company's attorneys in First Philippine Industries Inc. (FPI) headed, Rockwell Land Corp. (property developer) and currently Glaxo is the Gokongwa's Digital Telecommunications, Philippines Inc. (GDTI).

Insurers did not discuss how much was raised from the sale of Digital shares but stock dealers and the publisher a block of 543 million shares sold at P1.185 each last Thursday. It was earlier disclosed that the controlling stake in the toll road business was sold to the group at Morris Pacific Investments Corp., chair Manuel V. Pangalanan, while its remaining interest, equivalent to about a fifth of property developer Richwood Land, was sold to cash-rich subsidiary First Philippine Holdings last month.

Arvato Capital sold \$231 million worth of foreign debt paper and \$467 million of local debt paper to all persons of their principal amount. The purchase price was 99.5% of face.

Ghost month already history?

I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND THE RIGHT analogy to capture how investors are moving the carbon climate-glass needle, where we are doomed to be either careful, except the aggressive message that business people during the international air summit last week showed his sometimes ego. It was sent to me by my aging friend Jimmy V., who may have picked it up from the girls' school where he teaches military subjects in fitness. The ice somehow went this way: "An apple a day keeps the doctor away, but if the doctor is male, then forget the second rule!"

Results and remarks 1.1

Trading was suspended last Friday to observance of the 28th death anniversary of former minister Hriday Agrawal, which left our valued players with only one additional day of work.

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ing to improve their performance standings for week 11. As a result, the order of standings was virtually unchanged. The Oracle continued to lead the pack, followed by Teac Micro CyberPacker, with TrackCD-Building Q8 Tracker for fourth place following, but latest decision to track more carefully.

For the week, though, it came far in women's profiles of the Chickadees that walked a big loss. This was almost as the first of the country, two very much more higher than the others.

The trading orders were: Buy 300,000 shares of Megacore Corp. (MGC) at \$1.30 a share and 57,000 shares of Sengco Holdings Corp. (SNGC) at \$2.00 a share.

For its reported good financial performance for the first half and continuing strong market following, the choice to buy back MRC, MRC, in my opinion too, is still the smartest bet in the property market. In addition, based on his readings of the charts, the analyst feels that the stock price of MRC is starting to move or has recovered from technical correction.

Remember that from Aug. 17 to 20, the value of SBC drops sharply.

by as much as 28.8 percent in a series of some wild rums. Based on these rums, BPC is not

Guided by her conviction that market prices will be getting better, more accurate than expected, the Cybertrends is optimistic that her latest trading plays will pay off in a couple of hours. But, she's not. Before are the results of the overall performance: earnings of the virtual trader for the week: 21.

Bottom line spin
The market is seemingly in con-

less abundant in an otherwise target-rich period. Like the silly subject in the love message, the market seems to see some goal signs beyond the current confusion of stock prices.

One thing, the market seems to see what it wants to do right now. Even as Wall Street, CBO estimates are looking the direction of their equity market to go north. This is because Wall Street is convinced that when they are hearing, we have to see that Federal Reserve Chair Ben Bernanke with his economic story that the CBO economy is on the verge of economic recovery. I, too, like to go with this likelihood of the market.

I hope that this standing of the trustees doesn't prove to be fatal like the money given by one of the associates in a local Mt. Lebanon country. I'll understand what part of the Philippines she will bring a foreign friend to showcase the magnificent splendor of the (Philippines), but maybe not Hawaii. And which part of Hawaii? The "Hawaii"

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Mining investments barely half of target

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THE PHILIPPINES IS HOPING TO AT-
tract as much as \$200 million in com-
ing investments this year that have been
halted since September 11.

"We failed to tell if we also reach that (\$400 million) target. As of August, the investors raised at EXX-millions only" Pfizer and Genentech (Pfizer chief financial officer told sources).

He said there was some delay in the proposed investment infusion by Sumitomo Metal Mining Co. Ltd. of Japan and its Philippine partner Nickel Asia Corp. The two were planning to start building the Taguig Hydro-metallurgical Processing Plant project before the end of the year. The project is currently on construction.

The plant would be built near the putative Taganito nickel mine and would have a capacity of 45,000 tons a year.

Shinichi K. Sugita, vice president for operations at Nishimatsu's Japanese-USA Nickel Corp., said that the Japanese company was still waiting on the final feasibility study for the project.

"The \$10 billion is not yet official. By the end of the year, when [American] comes up with the [credible] feasibility study, we will know," Topolinski said.

Exporters could depressed world prices had pushed Siam to rethink the promoters of the Thai to plant pines.

But recent improvements in milk-
ed prices may prompt farmers to
keep their projects on track or re-
-vice those that have been delayed.

Business and industry please identify by
bill part number from bill early this year.
Funded projects by Colonial Savings
Company Bank and Insurance Corp. are
also shown to indicate our diversified base.

Orlando Energy has existing interests in Clarys Design and Name, while Century Walk is focused on Design Direct and Design Corp. has a listed project in the City of Jacksonville.

Actual mining investments in 2008 reached \$577 million.

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AC	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	100
AD	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	100
AE	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	100
AF	1.00	100	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	100
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Forex reserves in Asia 'excessive', says ADB

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Extra funds better off being invested

By Michael V. Rane

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES OF DEVELOPING Asia, including the Philippines, have reached "enormous" levels, amounting to the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

ADB said the impact would be better off investing the extra funds in products or services rather than in traditional, risk-free assets.

"Holding reserves provides benefits, in particular promotes against some potential shortages of foreign exchange and currency crisis, but it also entails a number of substantial costs... The larger the reserve assets, the larger will be the loss of national welfare," ADB said in a recent paper written by ADB

economists Douglas Park and Christine Evans.

ADB said the combined external debt of developing countries in Asia stood at only \$200 billion as of end-1998, but have swollen to \$3.1 trillion as of end-2008.

"Developing Asia has indeed been accumulating reserves at a relatively fast pace, in fact more than twice as fast as the rest of the world," ADB said.

In the case of the Philippines, its reserves continue to register record highs, reaching \$40 billion as of end-July.

The ADB said that ideally, foreign currency reserves should be equivalent to four months' worth of imports.

The Philippines' reserves, meanwhile, are enough to cover 6.8 months' worth of imports.

Demand for prime office space in provinces rising, group says

By Miguel L. Lo

AFTER RECORD-BREAKING OUTSTANDING two years, demand for office space outside the traditional business districts, and even in the provinces, is also on the upswing.

According to Ricko Tanco, chair of real estate services company CB Richard Ellis, demand for office space outside areas such as Makati and Ortigas are still high, but areas on the fringes of these commercial districts are also gaining a lot of interest.

Demand was also rising in provinces around the last week for IPO expansion, he said, including Cebu, Davao, Cagayan de Oro, Baguio, Iloilo in Zamboanga and Cebu in Cebu.

"There's really a lot of regional

growth, as groups come in and move in these areas," he said. "The need for cost savings in the US is not going to slow down any time soon. In fact, it should even accelerate."

"The problems in the West have prompted the need to not just cut costs but off them. Multinationals firms are looking for cost savings. We see this to be a continued trend," he added.

The local real estate sector, he said, would continue to benefit from the expanding boom, with the third and fourth quarters expected to be strong.

"Sales are going strong. There's a lot of expansion in office space and IPOs. There's also a lot of attention toward opening their own business," he said.

Philippine Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship 2009

THE PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER CUP

UPDS and Inquirer successfully host the Philippine Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship 2009

The University of the Philippines Debate Society (UPDS), in partnership with the Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI), held on April 13-20, 2009 the **Philippine Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship (PIDC) 2009: The Inquirer Cup**, the first tournament of the country's largest collegiate debating tournament in the Asian Parliamentary format. The tournament was able to draw from all over the country over **300 top-oratory speakers and adjudicators** from institutions all over the country, who squared off for the title of Inquirer Cup champion.

The six-day tournament started with an opening party titled **"Weapons of Mass Discussion,"** a school fair-themed event held at the Sky Decking in Alabaster in UP Diliman. Here, participants let loose through exciting games and activities like Rock-a-dile, Gator Wars and the Word Battle, taking in a night of entertainment before the grueling competition began.

In the next three days, intense elimination rounds were held at UP Diliman, where the participating teams and adjudicators went head-to-head on various issues: gender rights, criminal culpability, and gun control, in addition to the round debates. PIDC 2009 Inquirer Cup also featured an award trophy for former Cabinet Secretary and UP School of Environment Professor Benjamin Sison, who shared his thoughts on the "Impacts of the Economic Crisis on the 2010 Elections in the Philippines."

Points were won and lost as the heated exchange of ideas, justifications and rebuttals, and after the seventh round, everyone headed to The Motor Club in Eastwood City eagerly anticipating the announcement of the break—the top 16 teams advancing to the final series leg of the competition. The ensuing party, **"BLANKETED,"** became a hearty toast to some of the country's top and upcoming young intellectuals who know how to debate hard—and party harder.

Four more final series rounds were followed, commencing with the Championship Dinner at the Makati Sports Club, which also served as the venue for the final round. Guests from the Philippines Daily Inquirer included its Inquirer Editor, UP Publisher, Mr. Hugo Sison, Corporate Affairs Associate, and Mr. Dennis Rodriguez, Corporate Communications Manager witnessed the final.

After a total of eleven intense rounds, the team of UP Diliman-A, composed of Daine Jua, Raymond Nolasco and Gerilyn Vito, emerged as the champions in their first round against UP Manila-A, composed of Jarrin Tan, Robert Ibarra, and Jan Yerna. They debated on the motion, **"This House celebrates the rise of political activism in public universities,"** with UP Diliman-A on the affirmative and UP Manila-A on the negative.

The tournament also awarded the Top 16 Speakers and Adjudicators based on rankings from the preliminaries. In addition to being the best speaker of the final round, UP Diliman-A also was also declared to be the best overall speaker of the competition—a recognition also shared with teammate Rika.

The PIDC 2009: The Philippine Daily Inquirer Cup also was made possible with the support of partners Core Temp's Studio, John Robert Powers, Inc., ARS Interactive, Universal Robots Corp., Sony Music SMI, Jam All's R&B, and Chika Asia. Please visit www.pidc-online.com for more information on this tournament, its events, participants and partners.



UP Diliman-A team, the PIDC 2009: The Inquirer Cup champion team for the tournament. From L to R: Daine Jua, Robert Ibarra, and Gerilyn Vito.



PIDC 2009 The Inquirer Cup's first round adjudicators from L to R: Daine Jua (UP Diliman-A), Angelo Rana (UP Diliman-A), Jarrin Tan (UP Manila-A), Benjamin Sison (UP School of Environment), John Yerna (UP Diliman-A), and Robert Ibarra (UP Manila-A).



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Updating, enhancing the 'Mano Po' franchise

THROUGH THE YEARS, good films have periodically come out with a new 'Mano Po' movie about the lives of Tamaras in the Philippines. While some members of the 19-20-something community have welcomed the focus on youth and their unique analyses of culture and traditions, others have read the national knowledge, stereotypes, and even common clichés that have resulted from past incarnations of the continuing franchise.

Now that the production of a 'Mano Po 4' movie has been announced, however, wouldn't it be all as good if potential Tamaras were pulled in that direction not by a new film but by a new generation of artists?

To achieve that objective, we recently talked to some Tamaras to ask them the ways to make the franchise more

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Just happy and gay

By David San Diego Jr.

THE PHILIPINE CRISALDO VIDEOS Public has made 18 films in six years—since making 'Dada,' one of the first digital movies to have a commercial run in SM malls in 2001.

Recently, Crisaldo films are no longer in stores in SM because of the mall's ban on R movies.

But, public producers are making adult, contemporary, mostly gay-themed films which are also screened in Robinsons, Sinesa, and other venues.

With 'Shoreline,' his latest film, PABLO aims to make a difference in viewers' gay life.

What makes 'Shoreline' a 'happy' movie?—David San Diego Jr.

There have been lots of movies that talked the talk and did the deed, but none that have made the 'other' side of life in the Philippines.

One goal is to make a happy destination on gay life. One reason is that there are two kinds of gay life. There are two ways to come up with the most imaginative ways to be.

Crisaldo Pablo makes a light-hearted macho dancer movie, for a change

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